GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER SGRY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many State Governments have not properly utilized the funds sanctioned by the Union Government for Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during the last three years and current year and the complaints regarding misuse of funds have also been received by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; (

(c) whether cooperation from NGOs is also being taken for implementation of yojana;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to utilize the funds properly under the yojana?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a)& (b) Since States/UTs are primarily responsible for proper implementation of the SGRY as per provisions of the SGRY Guidelines, complaints received under the SGRY are not compiled at the Centre. As and when any complaint of misutilisation /irregularity of funds and foodgrains under the programme come to the notice of the Ministry of Rural Development, the State Governments concerned is advised to investigate and take appropriate action under the law.

(c)&(d) SGRY is being implemented through the Panchayati Raj Institutions. District and Intermediate Panchayats can engage well reputed NGOs for execution of works approved in their Annual Action Plan. No such details are maintained at the Centre.

(e) To ensure transparency, accountability and people`s participation, constitution of Monitoring Committee of villagers for each work under the programme has been made mandatory. To monitor the progress and quality of work undertaken, such Committee is required to be formed with five to nine members who would be nominated from amongst the social workers, retired civil, defence or private sector officers, other retired employees like teachers, well-educated persons and an SC/ ST and a women`s representative. The final report of the committee is required to be attached along with the completion certificate of the work and placed in the meeting of the Gram Sabha for consideration. Besides, the National Level Monitor (NLM) engaged by the Ministry, is given task to enquire into the complaint received and submit a detailed report of findings. Thereafter, the State government concerned is advised to initiate appropriate action as per the report of NLM.